



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Fourth Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, June 22, 1999

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Fred Risser.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the proper entries be made in the journal.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 200

Relating to: transferring a motor vehicle upon death of the owner to a beneficiary designated in the certificate of title.

By Senator Moen, by request of Edsel Grams of Eau Claire.

To committee on **Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections**.

Senate Bill 201

Relating to: the inspection and copying of medical and other records in certain actions.

By Senators Wirsch and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Underheim, Kreuser, Hahn, Musser, Olsen, Plouff, Spillner and Waukau.

To committee on **Judiciary and Consumer Affairs**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 196

Relating to: control and ownership of transmission facilities by a transmission company and a Midwest independent system operator, ownership of nonutility assets by a public utility holding company, investments in transmission facilities, offers of employment to certain public utility and nonutility affiliates employees, fees and approvals for certain high-voltage transmission lines, construction of certain electric transmission facilities, environmental reviews by the public service commission, reports on reliability status of electric utilities, state participation in a regional transmission need and siting compact, incentives for development of certain generating facilities, study of market power and retail electric competition, market-based compensation, rates and contracts for electric customers, regulation of certain nitrogen oxide emissions, establishing programs for low-income energy assistance, improving energy conservation and efficiency markets and encouraging the development and use of renewable resources, creating a council on utility public benefits, establishing a utility public benefits fund, requiring electric utilities and retail electric cooperatives to charge public benefits fees to customers and members, imposing requirements on the use of renewable resources by electric utilities and cooperatives, requiring the

exercise of rule-making authority, making appropriations and providing a penalty.

Passage.

Ayes, 7 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, Welch, Rude and Drzewiecki.

Noes, 0 – None.

Rodney Moen
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

June 18, 1999

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have been monitoring the construction costs of Miller Park, the new stadium for the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, at the request of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District, a local unit of government created by [1995 Wisconsin Act 56](#), oversees the design and construction of the stadium. Statutes authorize the District to issue revenue bonds for stadium construction and impose a 0.1 percent sales and use tax in a five-county area of southeastern Wisconsin to pay for debt service and other expenses. Through December 1998, almost \$50 million in sales and use tax revenue had been collected.

Total costs for the stadium – including the District's budgets for stadium construction, infrastructure, leased equipment, and project administration – are currently estimated at \$399.4 million. District officials do not expect costs to change significantly because more than 75 percent of the stadium construction and infrastructure work was completed by the end of December 1998, or contracts for this work had been signed.

At the time of legislative deliberations on the proposal to construct a new stadium for the Brewers, many legislators and others believed that sales and use tax revenue would be used to pay only for the stadium's construction. However, under the terms of agreements signed by the District and the Brewers, the District will also be responsible for either \$3.85 million or 64.0 percent of actual annual maintenance and repair costs incurred by the Brewers, whichever amount is less. If the District pays \$3.85 million in each year, the sales and use tax will provide the Brewers with \$115.5 million to help fund maintenance and repair costs over the course of the 30-year lease.

Statutes require the District to adopt hiring and contracting goals for minorities and women working on the stadium project and to hire an independent monitor to evaluate efforts to attain these goals. According to available information, the District is making progress in achieving these goals. For example, through December 1998, minorities accounted for 26.3 percent of construction and professional services work performed by new employees hired for the project, while women accounted for

8.8 percent. However, the independent monitor has not yet provided detailed reports confirming these participation levels.

The District's response is Appendix III.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

June 22, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 1999 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us>

Brozek, Michael	Wisconsin Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors, Inc
Gerrard, M William	Ho-Chunk Nation
Goyke, Gary	Wisconsin Association of Taxicab Owners
Goyke, Gary	Wisconsin Urban Transit Association
Goyke, Gary	Wisconsin Game Preserve Association
Goyke, Gary	Wisconsin Self-Service Laundry Association
Hauke, Thomas	Edison-West Liquor Corporation
Kammer, Peter	Wisconsin Health Care Association, Inc
Luria, Cheryl	Glaxo Wellcome, Inc
Morgan, Lynn	Y W Works, L.L.C.
Neis, John	Venture Investors Management LLC
Osborne, Patrick	Employment Solutions, Incorporated
Schley, Apphia (Terry)	Environmental Defense Fund, The
Schroeder, William R	Alliance of American Insurers
Springer, Thomas J	CenturyTel Service Group, LLC
Tries, John	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for

lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

ROTH JUDD
Director

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-156

relating to standards for.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-188

relating to reporting and investigation of caregiver misconduct and operation of the caregiver misconduct registry.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-191

relating to unifor.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-192

relating to definitions, applications, examinations, temporary permits and renewal.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-204

relating to criminal record background checks for.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 99-020

relating to neonatal intensive care unit training grants.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 99-053

relating to the chapter PSC 132 definition of "public utility" and cable operators' access to railroad rights-of-way.

No action taken.

Rodney Moen
Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, June 23 at 2:00 P.M..

Adjourned.

10:01 A.M.